

AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-100. (Cancel)

101. (Currently Amended) An absorbent composition, comprising:

particles of an absorbent material suitable for use as an animal litter; and
particles of activated carbon; and

~~secondary odor-absorbing particles selected from a group consisting of~~ activated
alumina ~~and zeolite~~,

the ~~secondary~~ activated alumina particles being dry mixed with the particles of
absorbent material and activated carbon,

wherein the secondary activated alumina particles being are colored and are
present in an amount of about 0.01% to about 50% by weight based on a total weight of
the composition.

102-114. (Cancel)

115. (Currently Amended) The absorbent composition recited in claim 114 wherein a
color altering agent provides the color to the activated alumina ~~and/or zeolite~~.

116. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 115, wherein the
color altering agent is selected from the group consisting of dyes and pigments.

117. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 116, wherein the
dye is selected from the group consisting of anthraquinone, quinoline, monoazo and
polymeric dyes.

118. (Currently Amended) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the activated alumina ~~and/or zeolite~~ particles are in the 1-2mm size range.

119. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, further comprising an antimicrobial material.

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121. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the composition is capable of clumping upon wetting.

122. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the absorbent material suitable for use as an animal litter comprises a clay.

123. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the absorbent material comprises a cellulosic material.

124. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 122, wherein the clay is a bentonite clay.

125. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 124, wherein the bentonite clay is sodium bentonite.

126. (Currently Amended) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the activated alumina ~~and/or zeolite~~ particles are present in an amount of 0.1% to 15% by weight based on a total weight of the composition.

127. (Currently Amended) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the particle size of the activated alumina ~~and/or zeolite~~ particles are selected based on a particle size and density of the absorbent material such that segregation of the activated alumina ~~and/or zeolite~~ in the composition is minimized.